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that preys on this tree, and on nothing else that I know of but the hop vine. It attacked the trees at the College for the first time last year. There is a small yellow bug with wings, which lays an egg, from which proceeds a worm about half an inch in length. The bug itself attacks and injures the leaves. The worm then appears (in this climate) about the first of July, and in ten days the trees are stripped. The worm then forms a yellow chrysalis, from which the fly has already issued.

We are told that you have the same tree at New Haven, & have discovered some remedy for this pest. Will you have the goodness to let us know what it is? My childhood was passed under these trees, and now at three-score, when most of my contemporaries have gone before me to the graves, I feel as if it would be a pious duty to preserve them from destruction, and leave this one memorial of the past to my children's children. As I am about to leave home, a letter to Mr. Sheldon, conveying the desired information, would be thankfully received.

With great respect, I am, sir,

Your obed^t^ Servt, B. TUCKER.

"VIRGINIA GAZETTE."

EXTRACTS.

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July 18, 1751.

Letters by the Dutchess of Queensbury, from London, advice, That the Hon. Robert Dunwiddie, Esq., is appointed Lieutenant-Governor of this Colony, and is preparing to set out for his Government.

To be sold at Auction, on the 29th of this Instant, July, at the late Dwelling-house of William Massie, deceas'd, by the Executors of the said Massie, about 350 Pounds Sterling's Worth of European Goods, sorted. Credit will be allowed until June, 1752, the Buyer giving Security as usual. Also a very good two Wheel Chaise, and Harness for two Horses, and a Chair for one Horse with Harness; also some Horses, and good Household Furniture.

On Tuesday, the sixth Day of August next, at Hampton, will be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the Honourable the General

Court, to the highest Bidder, by Way of Outcry, for ready Money, Several Negroe and Mulattoe Slaves, which lately belonged to Dr. John Brodie, also the Dwelling-house and Out-houses of the said Brodie, in the Town of Hampton, with the Lot of Land thereto belonging; likewise a Tract of Land, lying within two Miles of the said Town, bounded on the South by James River, containing by Estimation 285 Acres.

John Tabb.

N. B.—Nine of the above Slaves are Boys and Girls, all under fifteen years old, and Virginia-born. Two of the others are House Wenches, and one very good at sewing of fine Linen.

July 25, 1751.

A Scheme being set on Foot for erecting a Charity-working School in Talbot County, in the Province of Maryland, wherein a Number of poor Children of both Sexes are to be fed, cloathed, lodged, and taught, upon such Fund as shall arise from the charitable Contributions of pious, well-disposed Persons, and after being brought up in the knowledge and Fear of God, and inured to useful Labour, as well as fitted for Business by their School-learning, are to be put out to Apprenticeships or Service, as may best tend to the Good of the Public and Benefit of the Children. This Design is now in great Forwardness, the Benefactions in Maryland and England being already considerable, and several Gentlemen and Ladies of Note here having liberally contributed towards bringing the same to Perfection. The Schools of this Sort, which have been erected in Ireland, are found by Experience to be of such excellent Use as to merit the Royal Protection and Bounty, as well as the Notice of their Parliament, who have established certain Duties for their better Support. Ignorance and Indolence among the lower Class of People in these Colonies are no less prejudicial to the common Interest, or dangerous to the Constitution, than Popery and Idleness were in Ireland before the above mentioned worthy and laudable attempt to check their farther Progress. Schools of this kind ought, therefore, to be encouraged by all Well-wishers to their Country, and no Means neglected for making them as general as the Circumstances of a Colony will permit. The School now setting up may prove a happy Model for others in different Parts of the Continent, and, as such, may deserve

the Countenance and Assistance of worthy well-disposed Persons, however remote from it. The general Plan and State of the Benefactions to the 30th of October, last, are annexed to a Charity-Sermon, preached on the Occasion by the Reverend Thomas Bacon, Rector of St. Peter's, in Talbot County, Maryland, which is to be sold for the Benefit of the said School, by the Printer hereof, at One Shilling Sterling each.

The Fund is, by the Blessing of Almighty God, considerably increased since the Printing the above-mentioned Sermon, so that the Trustees are now upon the Point of Purchasing Land, and building a School for the Reception of such poor Children as the kind contributions of benevolent Christians shall enable them to support, and an Account will be published every Year of the State of the School, in which each pious Benefactor will see the Application of his Charity, and the Progress of this good and useful Undertaking under the Protection and Guidance of divine Providence, which alone can give Success to the best calculated human Schemes.

Such Persons in this Colony as may be inclined to encourage this Design are requested to pay or send their charitable Contributions to the Honourable and Reverend William Dawson, D. D., President of William and Mary College, or to the Reverend Mr. Thomas Dawson, Rector of Williamsburg; and may the Blessing of God attend the worthy Benefactors.

August 8, 1751.

David and William Geddy, Smiths in Williamsburg, near the Church, having all Manner of Utensils requisite, carry on the Gun Smith's, Cutler's, and Founder's Trade, at whose Shop may be had the following work, viz.: Gun Work, such as Guns and Pistols' Stocks, plain or neatly varnish'd, Locks and Mountings, Barrels blued, bored, and rifled; Founder's Work, and Harness Buckles, Coach Knobs, Hinges, Squares, Nails and Bullions, curious Brass Fenders and Fire Dogs, House Bells of all Sizes, Dials calculated to any Latitude; Cutler's Work, as Razors, Lancets, Shears, and Surgeon's Instruments ground, cleaned and glazed as well as when first made, Sword Blades polished, blued and gilt in the Neatest Manner, Scabbards for Swords, Needles and Sights for Surveyors Compasses, Rupture Bands of different Sorts, particularly a Sort which gives ad-

mirable Ease in all kinds of Ruptures. Likewise at the said Shop may be had a Vermifuge, Price 3s, 6d per Bottle, which safely and effectually destroys all Kinds of Worms in Horses, the most inveterate Pole-evils and Fistulas cured, and all Diseases incident to Horses, at their said Shop.

August 16, 1751.

Mr. Hunter: As I am about an Abridgment of the new Laws, the Copy of which will be complete by the General Court, I have been prevail'd on to print it, if I have a Prospect of saving myself, though the Treatment I met from the Subscribers to the last had determined me never to be again concerned in an Undertaking of the like Kind. You must be sensible that near 1200 of that Edition were left upon my Hands by the Subscribers, after they were not only printed, but bound, so that besides fifteen years' Interest of 400 and odd Pounds, which that Edition cost me, I have not only lost all my own Labour, but am above 30 Pounds out of Pocket, I therefore propose,

That the Abridgment shall be printed on as good a Paper, and with as good a Letter as the Last, and be well bound in Calf, and lettered on the Back.

That every Act of Assembly shall be abridged under its proper Head; but where any Act contains different Matters, such Part or Parts of it, as relate to every distinct Matter shall be abridged under several and distinct Heads. That there shall be annexed Tables of the Powers and Authorities given to, and the Injunctions laid on every County Court, Justice of the Peace, and every Officer whatsoever in this Colony, with the Penalties inflicted on every Breach of Duty.

That proper Tables shall be added to render the Whole complete.

Every Subscriber to pay a piece of Eight upon subscribing, for which a Receipt will be given, and a Note to deliver a Book on the Payment of five Shillings more.

If 400 Persons subscribe by the last of the next General Court, the Copy shall be sent by the first Ship to London, to be printed, in which case I make no Doubt but the Books will be ready to be delivered to the Subscribers next Summer.

As the Disappointment I have already met with will be a sufficient Caution to me not to print a greater Number than are

subscribed for, All Persons willing to subscribe are desired to send their Names, and Places of Abode, to the next General Court; where constant Attendance will be given, at my Lodgings to deliver out Receipts.

When the Books are ready to be delivered to the Subscribers, Notice will be given of it in the *Virginia Gazette,* and continued for some time, and the Books may be had at my House; but if any of the Subscribers fail to produce their Receipts, and demand their Books fifteen months after Publication of such Notice, what Books are then left will be disposed of to any Person that will purchase them, and the Subscribers will lose their Subscription Money.

I purpose, as long as I live, to abridge the Laws of every succeeding Session, as a Continuation, which shall be sold at the lowest Price it can be afforded, in which will be particularly noted every Act and Clause that is from Time to Time altered or repealed, and all new Powers and Authorities given to, or Injunctions laid on Courts or Officers. John Mercer.

August 29, 1751.

By Permission of His Honour the President, Whereas the Company of Comedians, that are in New York intend performing in this City; but there being no Room suitable for a Play-House, 'tis propos'd that a Theatre shall be built by Way of Subscription: Each Subscriber, advancing a Pistole, to be entitled to a Box Ticket for the first Night's Diversion.

Those Gentlemen and Ladies who are kind enough to favour this Undertaking, are desired to send their Subscription Money to Mr. Finnie's, at the Raleigh, where Tickets may be had.

N. B.—The House to be completed by October Court.

To be sold to the highest Bidder, On Monday 23rd of September next, at Eleven O'clock in the Forenoon, the Stocks of Cattle, Hogs, and other personal Estate of Col. Thomas Bray, deceas'd, at his Plantation at Nance's Neck, in Charles City County; and the same Day at Three O'clock in the Afternoon, his Stock and personal Estate at his Quarters at Chickahominy, in James City County.

On the Wednesday following his personal Estate, consisting of Household Furniture, Plate, Books, a four-wheeled Chaise, Carts, Harness, Draught Oxen, Stocks of Cattle, Horses, etc.

Their Sale will begin at his late Dwelling-House, near Williamsburg, and continue till all are sold, both there and at his Plantation below Williamsburg.

Six Months' Credit will be allowed, the Buyers giving Bond and Security at the Sale; but if they fail, such Debts will be esteemed for ready Money and demanded accordingly. A Set of Silver Knee and Shoe Buckles, a small Silver Can, a Silver Collar for a Waiting Man, a Pill Box, containing near 20 Gold Rings, several of them set with valuable Stones, a Pair of Gold Sleeve Buttons, a Pocket Bottle with Brandy, and a Pack of Cards, representing the Bubbles of the South Sea in 1720, being in the Possession of the Testator at or a little before his Death, but missing at the Appraisment: If taken away inadvertently, we desire may be returned; but if otherwise, we promise a reasonable Reward for a Discovery that will enable us to recover them. Benj. Waller,
Wm Prentis, *Executors.*

Four Hundred and Forty Acres of Land, lying on Black Creek, in New Kent County, with a good Dwelling-House, and other necessary Houses, a very good new Barn, 40 by 20, and a very good Apple Orchard of about 300 Trees. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms of Sale on applying to the Subscriber, in Goochland County, or to Gideon Massie, in New Kent County, near the Premisses. Thomas Massie.

A very good Brick-house, two Story high, fit for any large family, to be sold or let, on a long lease, in York Town, Any Gentleman inclinable to buy or rent it may know the Terms by applying to the Subscriber, in York. John Payras.

September 19, 1751.

The Subscriber, intending for England in the Spring, with his Family, is willing to dispose of several valuable House Servants, and Tradesmen, viz., Blacksmiths' Shoemakers, Carpenters, Barbers, and Plasterers, a neat Chariot with front and side Glasses, Six Horses and Harness, all Manner of Household Goods, Plate, China, etc. Also the following Lands, viz.:

Two Lots in the Town of Newcastle, with a Warehouse thereon.

About Three Hundred Acres, within Four Miles of Newcastle, well wooded.

One thousand and Forty Acres on Chicahominy, with a very good Brick House, 60 by 20, in good Repair, a large Brick Dairy, and other necessary Buildings. The Plantation is ready for Cropping, with Ten Hands. To be dispos'd of with or without the Stock.

Also a new Store adjoining the Market Place, in Williamsburg, subject to Ground Rent. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms of Sale by applying to me, in Williamsburg. John Dixon.

Imported in the Duchess of Queensbury, and just come to Hand, A large Assortment of Drugs with all Manner of Chymical and Galenical Medicines, faithfully prepared, also a Quantity of Almonds in the soft Shell, fresh Currans, Turkey Coffee, Prunes, Tamerinds, Bateman's and Stoughton's Drops, Daffy's and Squire's Elixir, British Rock-Oil, Turlington's and universal Balsam, Oil of Behn, Anderson's and Lockyer's Pills, Eaton's Styptic, Copperas, Prussian Blue, white and red lead, Vermilion, Verdigrease, Sago, French and Pearl Barley, Cinnamon, Cloves, Mace, Nutmeg, Black Pepper, and All-spice, Annodyne Necklaces, white and brown Sugar Candy, Scotch Snuff, Barley Sugar, Sugar Plumbs, Carraway Comfits, candied Eringo, Citron, Allum, Vermicelli, Sandiver, Borax, Ratsbane, Crucibles, Wine Stone, Indigo, Chocolate, Bohea, Congo, and Green Tea, strong and good white Tartar Emetic, with ditto dark, nice cut Sarfa, Black Soap, China Root, Saltpetre, Oriental and Occidental Bezoar, Sponge, Gold Leaf, Musk, Plenty of Vials and Pots, Colts-foot, Birdlime, Spanish Juice, Juice of Buckthorn, Syringes, Glyster Pipes, Nipple Glasses and Pipes, etc. To be sold, at reasonable Rates by the Subscriber, at his Shop, nigh the Court-House, the Corner of Palace Street, Williamsburg.

George Gilmer.

September 26, 1751.

To be sold by the Subscriber, living in Norfolk County, A new Schooner, now on the Stocks, and will be launched by the last Day of November next, or sooner if required, the Dimensions, 49 Feet Keel, 21 Feet Beam, and 9 and a half Hold; she is a well built Vessel, her Plank being all season'd, and sufficiently secured with Iron Work, being to be finish'd to a Cleat, at fifty Shillings per Ton, by William Ashly.

October 3, 1751.

Taken up (the 7th of August last) by the Subscriber in Henrico County, within about 3 Miles of the Falls of James River; a small black Horse, branded in the near Buttock X, with a Stroke down the Middle of the Top of it. Whoever owns the said Horse, and proves his Right, may have him of me.

John Gunn.

October 11, 1751.

By Permission of his Honour the President, On Monday, the 21st of October, Inst., will be perform'd, at the New Theatre, in Williamsburg, The Tragical History of King Richard the Third, to which will be added, a Grand Tragic Dance, compos'd by Monsieur Denoier, call'd the Royal Captive, after the Turkish Manner, as perform'd at His Majesty's Opera House, in the Haymarket.

To be sold at Auction (by Virtue of a Decree of Caroline County Court, and pursuant to the Will of Richard Taliaferro, Gent., deceas'd), On Monday, the 18th Day of November, next, in the Town of Port Royal, sundry Lots of Land in the said Town, on one whereof is a good House, very conveniently situated for an Ordinary, together with upwards of Twenty choice Slaves, the greatest Part Virginia-born, late the Estate of the said Richard Taliaferro. Credit will be given 'til the 20th of March, 1752, provided the Purchasers give Bond and Security, as usual. All Persons who have any Claims against the said Estate are desired to bring them in, that due Order may be taken for the Payment of them; and all Persons who are any way indebted to the said Estate are desired to discharge the same, to prevent further Trouble.

Edmund Pendleton, *Administrator,*
Zachary Taliaferro, *Heir at Law.*

October 24, 1751.

The Trustees and Managers for the Charity Working School, now setting up in Talbot County, Maryland, having received the following Contributions to the said pious Design, by the Hands of the Rev. Mr. Bacon, from the several undernamed Gentlemen and Ladies in this Colony, do hereby desire the worthy Benefactors to accept their sincerest Thanks for the same, viz.:

Peyton Randolph, Esq., His Majesty's Attorney-General, for, ...2 Guineas.
The Rev. Mr. Richard Graham, Professor of Math., in Wm. and Mary Col., at Williamsburg, for, ...1 Pistole.
The Rev. Mr. Wm. Preston, Professor Moral Philosophy, in ditto, for, ...1 Pistole.

The three last-mentioned Benefactions received by the Hands of the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Commissary Dawson.

The Hon. and Rev. Wm. Dawson, D. D., Pres. of the College, for, ...5 l. Sterling.
The Hon. Jno. Blair, Esq., Auditor Gen'l of Va.,...5 Guineas.
Ditto for his annual subscription of 2 Guineas, of which receiv'd for the past year, ...2 Guineas.
The Rev. Mr. Thos. Dawson, Rector of Williamsburg, ...3 l. 12 s. Sterl.
A gentleman desiring to be unknown, for, ...1 Doubloon.
A lady desiring to be unknown, for, ...1 Pistole.
Miss Priscilla Bassel, for, ...1 Pistole.

The two last Benefactions receiv'd by the Hands of the Rev. Mr. Thos. Dawson.

Dr. George Gilmer, for, ...2 Pistoles.
A gentleman desiring to be unknown, for, ...1 Guinea.
Walter King, Esq., for, ...2 Doubloons.
The Hon. Thos. Nelson, Esq., Secretary, ...1 Doubloon.
The Rev. Mr. Jno. Camm, Rector of York Hampton, 1 Pistole.
Warner Lewis, Esq., for, ...1 Doubloon.
A gentleman desiring to be unknown, ...1 Guinea.
The Hon. John Lewis, Esq., for, ...1 Doubloon.
The Hon. Wm. Nelson, Esq., for, ...5 Pistoles.
The Rev. Mr. Wm. Yates, Rector of Abington, in Gloucester County, for, ...1 Pistole.
The Rev. Mr. John Fox, Rector of Ware, in Gloucester County, for, ...1 Doubloon.
Ralph Wormeley, Esq., for, ...1 Doubloon.
Peter Robinson, Esq., for, ...2 Pistoles.
Col. Francis Willis, for his annual subscription of 3 Pistoles, of which he has paid for the past year, ...3 Pistoles.
Mrs. Willis, for, ...1 Doubloon.
Mr. Mordecai Booth, for, ...2 Pistoles.
who is also a Subscriber of 1 Guinea per Ann.
Mr. John Norton, for, ...2 Guineas.

N. B.—The said School is to be opened on the first Day of December, next, with Six Boys, in a small House preparing for their Reception, and will be increased as soon as a proper building can be erected, the Plan of which is now under Consideration of the Trustees.

The Company of Comedians having been at a greater Expence than they at first expected in erecting a Theatre in the City of Williamsburg, and having an immediate Occasion for the Money expended in that Particular, in Order to procure proper Scenes and Dresses, humbly hope that those Gentlemen who are Lovers of theatrical Performances, will be kind enough to assist them, by Way of Subscription, for the Payment of the House and Lots, each Subscriber to have a Property therein, in Proportion to the Sum subscribed. As the Money is immediately wanted, we hope the Gentlemen will be kind enough to pay it as they subscribe, into the Hands of Messrs. Mitchelson and Hyndman, who have obliged us so far as to receive the same, and to whom Deeds will be delivered, on the Subscription being compleated, for the Purpose above-mentioned, Which shall be gratefully acknowledged by

Their most obliged humble Servants,

Chas. Somerset Woodham,
Walter Murray,
Thomas Kean.

At the Court House, in Williamsburg, on Thursday, the 31st of October, I purpose to have a Ball for my Scholars: Such Gentlemen and Ladies who are pleased to favour me with their Company, may have Tickets at Half a Pistole each, at Mr. Finnie's, or from Their most obedient humble Servant,

Richard Coventon.

N. B.—The Doors will be open at Six o'Clock.

To be sold, by the Subscriber, in Prince George, The Land and Plantation, on which the Subscriber lives, on the South Side of Appomattox River, about 5 Miles above Bolling's Warehouse; containing about 1100 Acres, of very level Ground, the greatest Part being good for Corn, and with little Manure produces good Tobacco, Part of which is two pieces of low Grounds each about

30,000 Corn Hills; the Buildings are, a Dwelling House, and Kitchen with Brick Chimnies, also another design'd for a Dwelling House unfinish'd, 32 by 16, likewise several convenient Out Houses, and 2 large fram'd Barnes, Stable, etc., with about 250 young bearing Apple, Peach, Cherry, and other fruit Trees of several Kinds. Within Half a Mile from the said Plantation, on said River are two Water Grist Mills with Cullon Stones, and a Bolting Mill work'd by a Water Wheel, all in one House, and may be attended by one Person; they have constant Water in dryest Summers, and are in no danger of freshets; At said Mill is a Bake House with all Conveniences for baking Biscuit. Near said Plantation, on said Land, is preparation for another Plantation, a new Tobacco House being built, and about 35,000 Corn Hills cleared. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms, etc., by applying to Mr. Power in Williamsburg; Col. Bernard Moore, or Mr. Hubard, in King William, or to me on the Premisses.

Also 400 Acres of Land on Mountain Creek, in Amelia, Price 40 £, the Quality and Direction to said Land may be known from Major Watson, of said County. Anthony Walke.

October 31, 1751.

A Letter from the Governor of South Carolina advises that the Cherokees, who were lately in Williamsburg, under the Character and Denomination of Ambassadors and Nobles, are People of no eminent Quality or Dignity, but obscure Persons; that they had committed many Cruelties, and Injuries to the inhabitants of that Province, and were to have been delivered up by their Countrymen to be punished; that it is false that they ever made Application to the Governor of Carolina, or had not been furnished with Goods, they having been abundantly supply'd with every Thing by that Province for near forty years. This Intelligence is therefore inserted in the *Gazette,* that the Inhabitants of this Colony may be cautious in their Commerce with them. By Order of the President,

N. Walthoe, *Cl. Con.*

November 14, 1751.

As the Subscriber intends to leave this Colony in 6 or 8 Months, he proposes to let the Plantation of Maycox, in Prince

George County, on James River, containing 600 Acres of good Land for Tobacco, Corn, Wheat, or Pasturage, on which is a commodious Brick Dwelling House, two Story high, 64 by 42, with Cellars, a Brick Kitchen and other convenient Houses; also the Warehouse of Maycox, a publick Ferry to Westover, a Store House with a Room and Brick Chimney, and Warehouse well situate to Trade.

Also a Plantation about 6 Miles from Maycox, containing a 125 Acres, on which is a Mill; and another Plantation distant about 12 Miles from Maycox and 6 from the Mill, of 900 Acres, both provided with Houses, and what else is necessary for making Tobacco, Corn, etc., together with 25 Slaves, of whom 15 work on the Ground, and the others Tradesmen and House Servants.

Whoever inclines to rent the above, or any Part thereof, may apply to the Subscriber, at Maycox, who will let them know the Terms. G. M'Murdo.

To be sold, a Tract of very good Land, containing 600 Acres, in Fairfax County, on a Run called Wolf Run, about 6 Miles from Occoquon Warehouse, well water'd and timber'd, on which is very good Conveniences for Meadow and Grist Mill, a small young Apple and Peach Orchard; the Buildings not of much Value except a 40 Feet Tobacco house. The Title indisputable. For Terms of Sale apply to Mr. Nathaniel Chapman, in Stafford County, or the Subscriber in Cecil County, Maryland.

James Baxter.

November 21, 1751.

On Wednesday the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq., our Governor, arrived safe at York with his Lady and Family, on board Martha, Capt. Cappes, and the next day came up to Town. At his Entrance he was met by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council, who congratulated him on his safe Arrival, and welcom'd him to the City. After meeting the Council and qualifying himself by taking the Oaths, etc., his Honour was invited to an Entertainment prepared by the Gentlemen of the Corporation, and the loyal Healths drank, under a Discharge of the Cannon. In the Evening he returned to York, and is expected back again this Day.

November 28, 1751.

To be Sold, on Tuesday, the 31st Day of December, next, at my Ordinary, in Orange County, several valuable Slaves (belonging to the Estate of Nehemiah Russell, deceas'd) for ready Money, by William Russell, *Executor.*

To the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq., His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia. The humble address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Williamsburg.

Sir, We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Williamsburg, humbly beg leave to congratulate your Honour upon your safe arrival into this Colony, with your Family, and very heartily to welcome you to this City, the Seat of your Government.

His Majesty, always good and gracious to his People, could not more agreeably have repaired the Loss we sustained in our late Governor Sir William Gooch than by appointing you, who are so well acquainted with us, our Laws and Constitutions, to be his worthy Successor; and we hope that your Administration may be longer, and if possible, more happy than his.

Ever since this City has had the Honour of being the Residence of his Majesty's Governors, it has been fortunate in the enjoyment of their kind Protection; and we flatter ourselves that under you, Sir, we shall still be preserved in our Rights and Privileges, and that you will on all Occasions, consistent with the Honour of his Majesty, and the Good of this Colony, continue to be our great Protector and Benefactor. We, on our Parts, shall study to let no Opportunity escape of demonstrating to the World our Gratitude and Obedience to our Royal Master, and to you his Viceregent here, and shall contribute, as far as it is in our Power, to make the arduous Task you have undertaken easy and agreeable.

To which His Honour returned the following Answer:

Gentlemen, I heartily thank you for your kind congratulatory Address, on mine and my Family's safe arrival in this Colony, and to the City of Williamsburg, the Seat of my Government. I am much obliged for the good Opinion you conceive of me, on

my Appointment to be your Governor, in the Room of Sir William Gooch, Baronet.

I am very sensible of the many Disadvantages I labour under, in succeeding a Gentleman of his Merit and Capacity; but as my Inclinations are very sincere to do all in my Power for the Good and Prosperity of the Colony, I hope, by Assiduity and Diligence, and the Assistance provided me by the Crown, to make the People happy and myself easy. You may, Gentlemen, depend on my real Regard for supporting the Rights and Privileges of the City of Williamsburg, and therefore, on all Occasions, you may be assured of every Thing in my Power for the Continuance and Enlargement of them.

December 5, 1751.

On Saturday last, being the Day appointed by the Charter of this City for electing a Mayor, John Blair, Jun., Esq., was chosen into that Office for the ensuing year. John Randolph, Esq., is chosen of the Common Council.

Yesterday the President and Masters of William and Mary College waited on his Honour the Governor, and presented the following Address:

To the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie, Esq., his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia. The humble Address of the President, and Masters, of the College of William and Mary.

Sir, We, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the President, and Masters, of the College of William and Mary, humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Honour upon your safe Arrival, with your Family, in this Dominion.

We most thankfully acknowledge his Majesty's paternal Attention to the Public Welfare, who, in order to continue and perpetuate the many Blessings we enjoyed under Sir William Gooch's mild and auspicious Government, has been graciously pleased to appoint a Successor of approved Integrity; qualified to repair the great Loss we have lately sustained, and to set such a Pattern to future Governors as may make them prove Blessings to succeeding Generations. Animated with so delightful a Prospect of Happiness to us and our Posterity, we cannot but entertain the pleasing Hopes of engaging your Favour and Protection to the College, Church and Clergy; who, in Return for such considerable Benefits, obliged, by Interest, as well as Duty,

will to their constant Endeavours add their fervent Prayers, that your Administration may be long and prosperous; that Irreligion and Immorality may be discouraged and suppressed; and that this Colony may for ever flourish under a Succession of able and upright Rulers.

To which his Honour was pleased to return the following Answer:

Gentlemen, Your kind Congratulation for my safe Arrival, with my Family, in this Dominion, I receive with sincere Thankfulness.

I am very sensible of the great Honour his Majesty has graciously been pleased to confer on me, in my Appointment to be Governor of this Colony, in the Room of Sir William Gooch.

It is true, I must appear with great Disadvantage, in succeeding that worthy Gentleman; but his Example may have its proper Use, and my Emulation may be animated, and you probably may see, during my Administration, that a good man's Influence never dies.

I have always looked on Seminaries of Learning with an awful Respect and true Regard. The College of William and Mary is undoubtedly a very great Blessing to Virginia.

The Education of the young Gentlemen in the different Sciences—the Examining into their several Geniuses—the Cultivating their Minds with Morality, Virtue, Religion and Honour, so as to qualify them for the Service of their Country, is a very great and important Charge, which is reposed in you. I congratulate this Country in having Gentlemen of your Knowledge, Capacity, and exemplary Life, at the Head, and in the sole Management and Direction of this great and necessary Trust. Proceed, Gentlemen, in your usual Endeavours, and I doubt not of a Blessing and Success to attend your care in their Education; and I shall watch every Opportunity, where I can be of use or Service to the College.

I am with pleasure engaged and obliged to support the Church as by Law established; and the Clergy may always depend on my Countenance and Protection, as long as their Lives and Conversations are consistent with the Doctrines they profess, and are engaged to maintain. I shall think the Discharge of the Duties of my Appointment more likely to be happy, as I have your

Assurances of your constant Endeavours, and fervent Prayers for me, for which I heartily thank you.

December 5, 1751.

This is to give Notice, That on Saturday, the 14th of this Instant, is to be let, at the Church in Williamsburg, to the highest Bidder, by 10 o'clock, the Plantation whereon William Stannup now lives, being the Legacy of Jonathan Druett, deceas'd, to Bruton Parish, by

William Timson,
Armistead Burwell, *Churchwardens.*

December 19, 1751.

The Company of Comedians intend to be at Petersburg by the Middle of next Month, and hope that the Gentlemen and Ladies who are Lovers of Theatrical Entertainment will favour them with their Company.

December 27, 1751.

Taken up, a stray black Horse, about 4 Feet six Inches high, branded D H on the Shoulder and Buttock, has a Star in his Forehead, and all his Feet White, and paces a little. The owner may have him of me, in Orange County, on paying as the Law directs. Zachary Taylor.

TOMBSTONES IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

URBANNA.

Here lies CATHERINE, late wife of John Walker, of Urbanna. She departed this life the 5th day of October, 1730, in the 33d year of her age.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Here lies Interred
the Body of the
HON. JOHN GRYMES, ESQ.,
Who many years acted
in the public Affairs of this Dominion
With Honour, Fortitude, Fidelity,